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OF all the Arts which have been introduc'd amongst Mankind, for the civilizing Human-Nature, and rendering Life agreeable and happy, none appear of greater Advantage than that of Printing; for hereby the greatest Genius's of all Ages, and Nations, live and speak for the Benefit of future Generations.—

Was it not for the Press, we should be left almost intirely ignorant of all those noble Sentiments which the Antients were endow'd with.

By this Art, Men are brought acquainted with each other, though never so remote, as to Age or Situation; it lays open to View, the Manners, Genius and Policy of all Nations and Countries, and faithfully transmits them to Posterity.—But not to insist upon the Usefulness of this Art in general, which must be obvious to every One, whose Thoughts are the least extesive.

The Benefit of a Weekly Paper, must in particular have its Advantages, as it is the Channel which conveys the History of the present Times to every Part of the World.

The Articles of News from the different Papers (which we shall receive every Saturday, from the neighbouring Provinces) that shall appear to us, to be most authentic and interesting shall always be carefully inserted; and great Care will be taken to collect from Time to Time all domestic Occurrences, that are worthy the Notice of the Publick; for which, we shall always be obliged to any of our Correspondents, within whose Knowledge they may happen.

The CONNECTICUT COURANT, (a Specimen of which, the Publick are now presented with) will, on due Encouragement be continued every Monday, beginning on Monday, the 19th of November, next: Which Encouragement we hope to deserve, by a constant Endeavour to render this Paper useful, and entertaining, not only as a Channel for News, but assisting to all Those who may have Occasion to make use of it as an Advertiser.

☞Subscriptions for this Paper, will be taken in at the Printing-Office, near the North-Meeting-House, in Hartford

BOSTON, October 1.

IT is now out of fashion to put on mourning at the funeral of the nearest relation, which will make a saving to this town of twenty thousand sterling per annum.—It is surprizing how suddenly, as well as how generally an old custom is abolished, it shows however, the good sense of the town, for it is certainly prudent to retrench our extravagant expences, while we have something left to subsist ourselves, rather than be driven to it by fatal necessity.

We hear that the laudable practice of frugality is now introducing itself in all the neighbouring towns, (and it were to be wished it might thro'out the government) an instance of which we have from Charlestown, at a funeral there the beginning of last week, which the relatives and others attended, without any other mourning than which is prescribed in a resent agreement.

*October* 8. There seems to be a disposition in many of the inhabitants of this and the neighbouring governments to cloath themselves with their own manufacture.—At Hampstead, on Long Island, in the Province of N. York, a company of gentlemen have set up a new woolen manufactory, and having given notice to gentlemen shopkeepers and others, of any of the provinces, that by sending proper patterns of any colour, they may be supplied with broad-cloths, equal in fineness, colour, and goodness, and cheaper than any imported: the proprietors give good encouragement to any person who are any way vested in the woolen manufactory, such as wool-combers, weavers, clothiers, shearers, dyers, spinners, carders, or understand any branch of the broad-cloth, blanket, or stroud manufactory.——At Jamaica on the said island, one Tunis Polpham is erecting a fulling-mill, which will be compleat in about a month, and carry on all the branches of a fuller and dyer of cloth.

The Surveyor-General has appointed Charles Antrobus, Esq; to be an officer of his majesty's customs to seize prohibited and uncostomed goods in North-America. And,

William Brown, Esq; to be collector of his majesty's customs at Salem and Marblehead.

Yesterday one of his majesty's cruizers arrived in King-Road; tis thought to be the Cygnet.

By a letter from Barbados, we have advice, that Gidney Clark, Esq; of that Island, died there on the 27th of August last, greatly lamented.

It is now confidently affirmed by some, which however may not be true in fact, that the severity of the new a—t of p——t is to be imputed to letters, representations, NARRATIVES, &c. transmitted to the m——y about two years ago by persons of eminence this side the water—And that some copies of letters are actually in this town, and others soon expected.—To whatever cause these severities are owing, it behoves the colonies to represent their grievances in the strongest point of light, and to unite in such measures as *will be effectual* to obtain redress.

The northern colonists have sense enough, at least the sense of *feeling*; and can tell where the *shoe pinches*—The delicate ladies begin to find by experience, that the Shoes made at LYN are *much easier* than those of the make of Mr. HOSE of London—What is become of the noted shoemaker of *Essex*?

It is fear'd by many who wish well to *Great-Britain*, that the new A—t of P——t will greatly distress, if not totally ruin some of HER OWN manufactures—It is thought that by means of this A—t, less of her woolen cloths, to the amount of some thousands sterling, will be purchas'd in this cold climate the insuing winter.

We are told that all the Funerals the last Week were conducted upon the new Plan of Frugality.

Nothing but FRUGALITY can now save the *distress'd* northern colonies from impending ruin—It ought to be a consolation to the good people of a certain province, that the greatest man in it exhibits the most *rigid* example of this political as well as moral virtue.

*A surprizing concatenation of events to one man in one week.*

Published a Sunday—married a Monday—had a Child a Tuesday—stole a horse a Wednesday—banished a Thursday—died a Friday—buried a Saturday—all in one Week.

*NEWPORT, October 15.*

Letters from Jamaica inform us, that one of the Men of War on that Station called lately at the Cape, and brought away one of the People that had been carried thither from Turks-Island; the Captain on asking the Reason of their Behaviour there which was looked on as a Breach of the good Understanding between the two Crowns, received for Answer, *It was done by Orders from the Courts of France and Spain.* A King's Frigate was dispatched by Admiral Sir William Burnaby to Turks-Island and the Capt.

The Squirrel man of war, Capt. Smith, sailed from this port for Halifax last Thursday.